

Matthew 10:5-15

The Apostolic Mission

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Three Aspects of the Apostles' Mission

- 1. To whom will they go? (10:5-6)
- 2. What will they say/do? (10:7-8)
- 3. What about food/shelter? (10:9-15)

The sending of the 12 foreshadows the sending of all believers just as Matthew 28 is a great commission for all believers as well.

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The Apostles Are Sent to Israel First

Matthew 10:5-6

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

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The Doctrine and the Deed

Matthew 10:7-8

And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

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The Material Support Needed

Matthew 10:9-11

Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, 10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. 11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart.

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The Apostles Must Be Believed!

Matthew 10:12-15

As you enter the house, greet it. 13 And if the house is **worthy**, let your peace come upon it, but if it is **not worthy**, let your peace return to you. 14 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. 15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

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Applications

- 1. We must know that Christ's coming is imminent.
- 2. We should understand there is only one gospel.
- 3. We must know that judgment will come to all who reject the apostolic word.

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Christ's Kingdom Is Imminent

Matthew 10:7

And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand."

James 5:8

You too be patient; strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near.

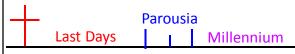
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Christ's Kingdom Is Imminent

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of the prophecy, and heed the things which are written in it; for the time is near.

<u>Revelation 22:10</u> And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near."



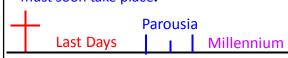
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Christ's Kingdom Is Imminent

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place...

Revelation 22:6 ... the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent His angel to show to His bond-servants the things which must soon take place.



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There's Only One Gospel!

Hyperdispensationalists = claim the gospel of the kingdom was for the Jews and the gospel of grace is for the church.

Galatians 1:8-9

But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

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The Apostolic Word Must Not Be Rejected

John 12:48-49

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The one who rejects me and does not receive my words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on my own authority, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment—what to say and what to speak.

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